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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]25,764	.....	7,003	4,389	7,673	1,367	251	392	[2]149,573	.....	20,204	12,990	59,672	10,413	1,541	1,462
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]9,735	3,144	862	2,758	696	48	189	.....	[2]50,429	8,753	3,831	19,206	5,062	240	513
Massachusetts.....	238	133	62	-	142	2	1	(*)	1,627	803	164	-	1,410	17	6	2
Rochester.....	8	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	39	39	39	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	34	34	27	-	-	(*)	-	-	247	247	232	-	-	2	-	-
New York.....	10,264	3,774	1,218	581	6,430	673	72	339	69,427	22,821	6,685	3,563	50,554	5,392	421	1,207
Philadelphia.....	154	90	3	-	124	19	(*)	(*)	406	82	47	-	326	25	1	1
Maryland.....	13	9	3	-	6	1	(*)	(*)	150	124	5	-	133	3	(*)	7
Virginia.....	29	29	3	-	24	1	-	-	146	146	5	-	121	18	-	-
Florida.....	7,621	2,242	3,358	3,695	24	2	(*)	1	15,118	4,972	5,719	8,833	38	34	1	3
New Orleans.....	487	107	405	39	(*)	-	-	-	1,062	313	850	161	4	-	-	-
Galveston.....	400	200	217	24	84	26	1	20	1,833	990	756	93	735	106	7	91
Laredo.....	198	171	188	1	-	-	-	-	523	469	502	5	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	569	279	69	18	225	166	25	4	4,243	2,070	486	153	2,133	1,176	170	33
San Francisco.....	770	357	22	18	86	394	150	6	5,717	2,460	83	142	1,132	3,248	919	19
Washington.....	223	183	154	-	9	14	(*)	-	633	481	458	-	60	46	1	-
Alaska.....	6	5	(*)	-	-	4	-	-	50	50	32	-	-	18	-	-
Hawaii.....	22	16	1	-	2	15	2	(*)	85	23	28	-	22	23	9	1
Montana and Idaho.....	27	26	21	-	-	-	-	-	109	104	101	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	94	93	72	-	-	-	-	-	281	280	242	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	27	27	3	-	23	-	-	-	52	52	13	-	39	-	-	-
Michigan.....	162	125	24	-	132	(*)	-	(*)	411	211	22	-	379	1	-	1
Chicago.....	1,123	294	540	(*)	351	46	(*)	19	5,461	1,434	2,377	2	2,435	276	5	96
Ohio.....	215	5	161	-	(*)	-	-	-	921	16	794	-	33	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	457	304	388	11	1	-	-	3	448	304	388	28	4	-	-	(*)
All other Customs Districts.....	85	56	55	2	9	3	-	-	353	213	176	11	116	27	-	-
Special Category[3].....	2,537	1,169	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,231	11,723	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	7,702	.....	2,192	635	4,235	554	7	79	66,795	.....	8,408	1,933	47,565	6,096	247	774
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,522	987	172	1,971	355	2	36	.....	28,060	4,354	772	18,246	4,397	82	210
Massachusetts.....	63	37	7	-	55	(*)	-	1	1,031	831	628	-	364	(*)	-	1
Rochester.....	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	34	31	31	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	12	12	12	-	(*)	-	-	(*)	301	286	252	-	8	-	-	29
New York.....	4,449	2,053	219	113	3,818	224	3	72	50,932	19,451	3,507	1,069	42,789	1,883	117	725
Philadelphia.....	6	5	1	-	5	(*)	-	-	304	236	42	-	245	3	-	-
Maryland.....	15	6	1	-	14	-	-	-	256	71	3	-	219	-	-	-
Virginia.....	(*)	-	-	-	(*)	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Florida.....	1,422	390	947	460	13	3	-	(*)	2,025	1,065	861	724	362	3	-	6
New Orleans.....	171	123	169	(*)	1	1	-	-	112	63	63	18	1	3	-	-
Galveston.....	37	16	36	(*)	1	-	-	-	160	32	112	2	4	-	-	-
Laredo.....	91	75	91	-	-	-	-	-	69	34	46	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	239	114	42	1	83	112	1	(*)	3,308	1,151	573	27	1,539	1,032	37	(*)
San Francisco.....	169	134	25	3	44	89	2	6	1,494	1,021	6	66	350	843	75	9
Washington.....	67	64	18	-	1	48	-	-	1,876	1,750	160	-	65	1,598	-	-
Alaska.....	6	5	1	-	1	5	-	-	217	212	1	-	3	212	-	-
Hawaii.....	20	12	2	-	(*)	17	(*)	-	215	87	3	-	5	152	18	-
Montana and Idaho.....	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	87	85	85	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	3	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	9	8	8	-	-	1	-	-
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	29	15	11	-	17	1	-	-	118	52	20	-	72	1	-	-
Chicago.....	234	118	57	(*)	149	28	-	(*)	3,316	1,170	1,579	1	1,367	243	-	4
Ohio.....	14	(*)	7	-	7	(*)	-	-	255	4	93	-	128	1	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	588	283	522	58	4	4	-	-	261	133	167	27	21	8	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	52	45	9	-	23	20	-	-	397	284	164	-	24	112	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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